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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).


- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$480.
  - \$480 for 6 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1320.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible ( see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

  
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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer  
TITLE : A Further Method of Creating and Rapidly  
Searching a Virtual Library of Potential Molecules  
Using Validated Molecular Structural Descriptors  
SERIAL NO. : 09/866,543  
FILING DATE : May 25, 2001  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : 3017-56

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TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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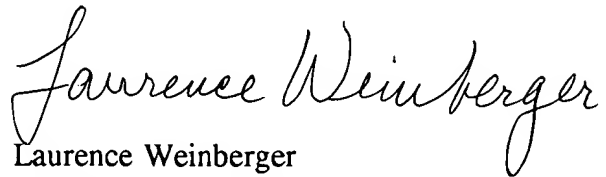
Dear Sir:

Response to Requirement to File Substitute Drawings

The *Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application* dated July 17, 2001 noted that the application was informal and required the submission of substitute drawings since the drawings were said to contain excessive text. Applicants respectfully point out that the drawings submitted with this divisional application are the same drawings which were submitted and accepted in Application No. 08/903,217 which issued as U.S. Patent 6,240,374 on May 29, 2001. Further, these same drawings have been submitted in two other applications (09/866,495 and 09/866,559) having the same parent application and have not been subject to a substitution requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that since the drawings were found acceptable for

the issued patent and the additional patent applications, the drawings should accepted in the present application without revision, and Applicants' respectfully request that they be so accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurence Weinberger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have assigned their rights in this application to their employer who is entitled to small entity status, which is hereby claimed. Transmitted for filing in the above identified application are the following documents:

1. *Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application - Filing Date Granted;*
2. Response to Requirement to File Substitute Drawings;
3. Declarations and Powers of Attorney of the two inventors;
4. *Petition for Extension of Time* with attached check for the required extension fee in the amount of \$720;
5. a check in the amount of \$435 including the small entity basic filing fee of \$370 and the small entity late filing surcharge of \$65;
6. a check in the amount of \$252 for the small entity excess claims fee (6 X \$42);
7. a return postcard; and

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8. an Express Mail Certificate.

Please address all correspondence regarding this patent application to me at the address set out below.

January 17, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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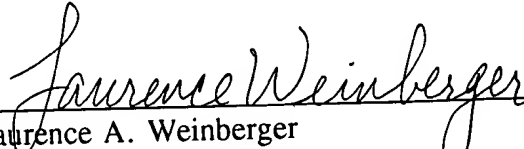
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